

Message

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a forest. The path is flanked by tall grass and leads towards a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun, which creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the path. The trees are tall and thin, and the overall atmosphere is serene and hopeful.

Our High Calling

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■ Romans 8:28-32

- ✓ Work together for good – *That conforms us "to the image of His Son.*
- ✓ Who are called –
Effectual calling: the call of God to which there is invariably a positive response.



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■ Romans 8:28-32

✓ Predestined – *Moral conformity to the likeness of His Son.*

✓ Predestined >> Called >>
Justification >> Glorified

Sequence by which God carries out His predestination



Our High Calling Comparisons

■ II Timothy 2:1-7

Soldier, Athlete and Farmer



2 Timothy 2:4 – 7 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Our High Calling Dictate

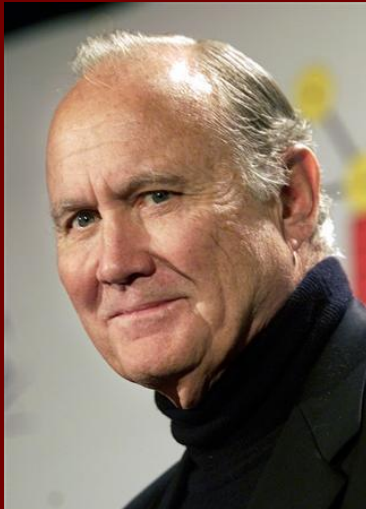


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Our High Calling Values

“When I began West Point as a plebe, “Duty, Honor, Country” was just a motto, I’d heard. By the time I left, those values had become my fixed stars. It was a tremendous liberation.”



- Norman Schwarzkopf

Our High Calling Now

■ I Timothy 1:6-10

- ✓ Gift of God's Holy Spirit
- ✓ Holy Calling / Not because of our works, but because of His Purpose and Grace
- ✓ Our Calling is now!



Our High Calling Requirements

■ II Peter 1:10-11

✓ Our Requirements:

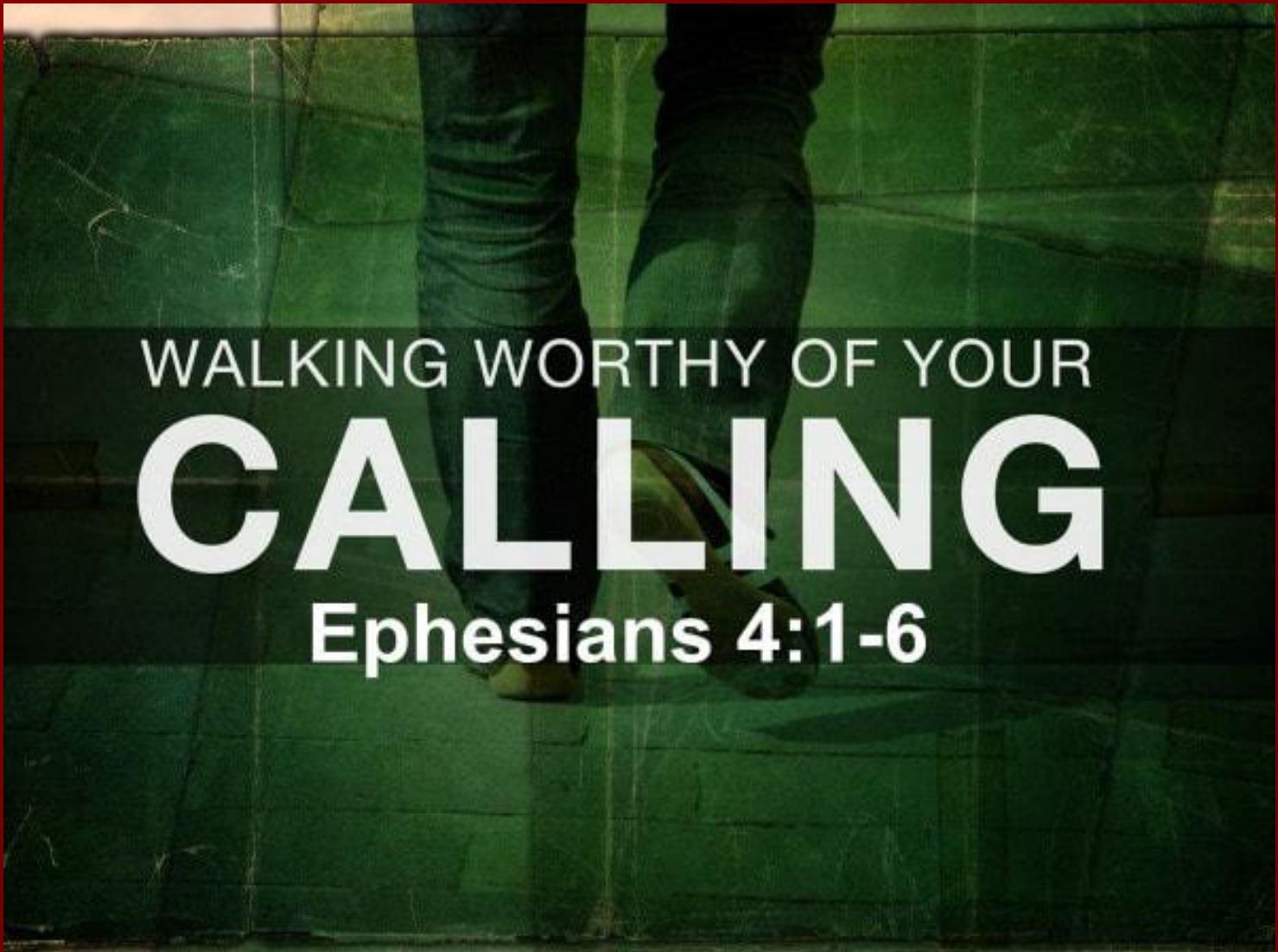
- ❖ Diligently Make Our Calling Sure (Stable / Firm)
- ❖ Practice These Things

✓ Verses 5-8

- ❖ Cultivate These Qualities



Walking Our High Calling

A photograph of a person's legs in blue jeans walking on a green stone path. The path is made of large, rectangular stones with a greenish tint. The person is walking towards the camera, and their shadow is cast on the path. The image is used as a background for the text.

WALKING WORTHY OF YOUR
CALLING
Ephesians 4:1-6

Our High Calling Process

- **Calling – Invitation**
- **Election – Selection**
- **Sure - Stable**

- ✓ **I John 3:18-19**
- ✓ **John 18:37**
- ✓ **John 14:20-21**



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Duty

- **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

- ✓ **God's Requirements:**

- **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** – "...whole duty of man."

- **Luke 17:10** –
"...we have done only that which we ought to have done."

The logo for the video game franchise "Call of Duty". It features the words "CALL" and "DUTY" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Between them, the word "OF" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, positioned slightly above the baseline of the other two words.

Honor

- **Honor** – “to regard or treat with respect or esteem.”
 - ✓ God honors those who honor him
- **I Samuel 2:30**
- **Psalms 26:8**



Country

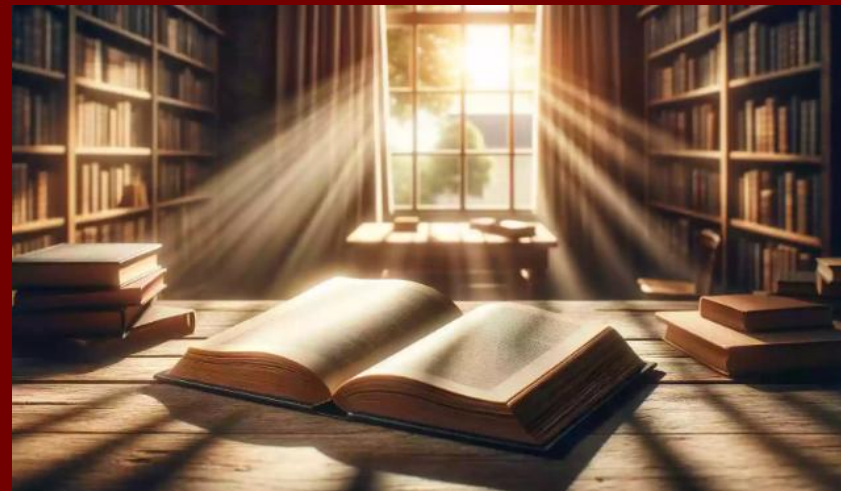
- **Country** – the land of our birth, residence and citizenship
 - ✓ Our citizenship has changed...
- **Hebrews 11:13-16** ■ **Philippians 3:20-21**
- **II Corinthians 5:20**



**They Desire a
Better Country**

Application: To Our Life

- **II Peter 1:10-11** – “...be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you...”
 - **Cultivate the God-like qualities and demonstrate the genuine expressions of the virtues, in a humble manner.**



Application: To Our Life

- **John 13:17** – “If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”
 - This a confirmation that we are making certain His calling of us, as we eagerly wait for our Savior to return.

